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SUBJECT: TURKISH FLIGHTS TO BERLIN

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1. FONOFF (DIETRICH) HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY THIS
PAST WEEK EXPRESSING SIMILAR CONCERNS OVER TURKISH
AIRLINE'S (THY) INTENTION TO BEGIN SERVICE BETWEEN
SCHOENEFELD AND TURKEY IN OCTOBER.

2. DIETRICH PARTICULARLY WANTED BASIC FACTS ON HOW
MANY AND WHAT ALLIED CARRIERS WERE INVOLVED, THE
NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, DURATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS
BETWEEN TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARRIERS, ITC. HE SAID THAT
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THE FRG WAS EXPLORING POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH IT MIGHT

ASSURE THAT THY AND THE GOT WOULD CONTINUE TO GRANT LANDING RIGHTS FOR THE ALLIED CARRIERS IN TURKEY, OR DETER TURK GUEST WORKERS FROM CROSSING OVER TO GO TO SCHOENEFELD. WE, IN FACT, HAVE HAD NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GOT INTENDED TO WITHDRAW LANDING RIGHTS FROM ALLIED SUPPLEMENTALS PRESENTLY UNDER CONTRACT TO CARRY TURKISH PASSENGERS. TO THE CONTRARY, A SUMMARY OF A THY-SENATE DISCUSSION (PARA 3, REF A) WHICH DIETRICH GAVE US SUGGESTED THAT THE TURKS HAD NO SUCH INTENTION. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM MODERN AIR TRANSPORT (MAT) THAT THEIR SALES MANAGER, WHO WAS RECENTLY IN ANKARA, FELT THAT HIS SOUNDINGS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS WERE REASONABLY REASSURING AS FAR AS LANDING RIGHTS IN TURKEY WERE CONCERNED. A SHORT ARTICLE IN THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (FAZ) TODAY PICKED UP THE THEME, REPORTING THAT GHY HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE CONTINUATION OF ALLIED CARRIER CONTRACTS UNTIL THE END OF 1974.

3. AS FAR AS A BUILDUP OF GUEST WORKER TRAFFIC TO TURKEY VIA SCHOENEFELD IS CONCERNED, DIETRICH HAS TOLD US THE ONLY ACTIVE FRG STEP UNDER CONSIDERATION IS A REFUSAL BY THE SENATE TO PERMIT AN EXPANDED PASSENGER HANDLING FACILITY FOR GUEST WORKERS AT THE FUNKTUMR LOADING POINT FOR THE SCHOENEFELD BUS.

4. DIETRICH RECOGNIZED THE DIFFICULTY OF INFLUENCING THE SITUATION VIA ALLIED COUNTER OFFERS TO THY INVOLVING WEST BERLIN SINCE THE EAST GERMANS HOLD MOST OF THE CARDS IN THAT AREA. HE, NONETHELESS, ASKED THE EMBASSY CAA TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE ALLIES TO SEE IF WE COULD COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS. THE SUBJECT AT HIS REQUEST, HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE BERLIN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP (BCATAG) ON SEPTEMBER 19.

5. COMMENT: FOR THE PRESENT WE BELIEVE THE FRG SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN SEEKING TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE WITH THE TURKS. ACCORDING TO DIETRICH, THE FONOFF HAS BEEN IN CONTACT ON THIS MATTER WITH THE FRG EMBASSY AT ANKARA AND WE SUGGEST EMBASSY ANKARA TOUCH BASE WITH THE

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FRG EMBASSY THERE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY FURTHER INQUIRES REGARDING THY'S BERLIN PLANS. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE FRG MAY SUGGEST A CONCERTED ALLIED DEMARCHE TO THE TURKS IF THE SITUATION IS NOT SETTLED SOON.
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